GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration and Stamps – Surprise check conducted on 09.09.2019, on the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District - Allegation of corruption & criminal misconduct against the staff of S.R.O office, Gajuwaka - Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings against Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. JSR, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.429 Dated:16.05.2024
Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.188, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dated:27.07.2021.

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ORDER:

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within ten days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, Joint Sub-Registrar, O/o. JSR, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam *(through the* Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam *with a request to serve the G.O, to the individual and furnish the served copy with dated acknowledgement for record).*
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE–I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI TANGUDU UPENDRA RAO, S/O. BHASKARA RAO (LATE), 54 YRS., WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-1, O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

That Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, S/o. Bhaskara Rao (late), 54 yrs., worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-1, O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District (herein after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 05.07.2019 to 09.09.2019 (till date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTCILE-I:

That the Government Servant in abuse of his official position, collected bribe amount from the parties who approached for registration through private persons Sri M. Malleswarayya and Sri D. Papa Rao, and Document Writers and Asst. Document Writers. On 09.09.2019 Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, collected cash of Rs.14,200/- and Sri D. Papa Rao collected the cash of Rs.10,070/- and an amount of Rs.2,20,000/- was seized from the possession of document writers, who came to SRO office to handover the collected mamools (bribe amount) either to Sri Maddela Malleswarayya or Sri D. Papa Rao to hand over the same to Sub Registrar (G.S).

ARTICLE-II:

That the Government Servant allowed private persons to work in SRO Office, Gajuwaka, Vishakhapatnam and paid their salaries from the bribe amounts collected from the document writers.

ARTICLE-III:

That the Government Servant failed to supervise his subordinates due to which they have not maintained the Document Acknowledgement register and Attendance register properly.

ARTICLE-IV:

That the Government Servant did not pay the electrical charges from the Govt. Budget and instead of he paid the bills from the bribe amounts collected from the private persons and the document writers.

Thus, Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, S/o. Bhaskara Rao (late), 54 yrs., worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-1, O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated/contravened Rules 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI TANGUDU UPENDRA RAO, S/O. BHASKARA RAO (LATE), 54 YRS., WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-1, O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, S/o. Bhaskara Rao (late) is native of Nimmada Village, Kotabommali Mandal, Anakapalli District joined in Government Service on 03.03.2005 as Sub-Registrar Grade-II and allotted to Registrar Office, Visakhapatnam for undergoing training for a period of one year. Later he worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-II at S.R.O., Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram District from 02.03.2006 AN to 30.09.2007 AN. On that he worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-II, at S.R.O. Office, Pendurthi, Visakhapatnam District from 01.10.2007 FN to 05.07.2011 AN. On that he worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-II from 07.07.2011 to 22.04.2012 and worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-I from 23.04.2012 to 30.09.2014 AN at SRO, Vizianagaram West. On that he worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-I, Market Value & Audit, Vizianagaram from 01.10.2014 FN to 23.05.2015 AN. On that he worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-I at SRO, Dwarakanagar, Visakhapatnam District from 24.05.2015 to 05.07.2019 AN. On that he worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-I at SRO, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District from 05.07.2019 AN to till 09.09.2019 AN (till the date of surprise check). He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.07.2031. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant (G.S.).

CHARGE-I:

That the Government Servant in abuse of his official position, collected bribe amount from the parties who approached for registration through private persons Sri M. Malleswarayya and Sri D. Papa Rao, and Document Writers and Asst. Document Writers. On 09.09.2019 Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, collected cash of Rs.14,200/- and Sri D. Papa Rao collected the cash of Rs.10,070/- and an amount of Rs.2,20,000/- was seized from the possession of document writers, who came to SRO office to handover the collected mamools (bribe amount) either to Sri Maddela Malleswarayya or Sri D. Papa Rao to hand over the same to Sub Registrar.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On credible information that the Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka and the staff of S.R.O. office, Gajuwaka were indulging in corrupt practices by collecting bribe amounts from the general public, who are approaching their office for registration of documents and other official works, through document writers, Assistant document writers and Other private persons, the Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam along with mediators and ACB Staff conducted surprise check on the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka from 17.30 hours on 09.09.2019 to 02.45 hours on 10.09.2019.

The DSP, ACB disclosed their identity and purpose of visit to the Government Servant. The DSP got separated the employees of the Sub – Registrar's office from the private persons who are engaged to work in Sub-Registrar Office, Gajuwaka and ascertained their names and addresses, and they are 1) Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, S/o. late Bhaskara Rao, Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, 2) Sri Alavilli Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Late Venkata Ramana, Sr. Assistant, 3) Smt. Gollori Vijaya, D/o. late Papa Rao, Junior Asst., 4) Sri Tamarba Suribabu, S/o. Late Balanna, Junior Assistant, 5) Smt. Pankam Rajeswari, D/o. Late Sambasiva Rao, Attender, 6) Kum. Rongali Ramya, D/o. Appa Rao, (unauthorized private person), 7) Kum. Polisetti Girija, D/o. Paidiraju, (unauthorized private person), 8) Kum. Budi Swapna, D/o. Sanyasi Naidu, (unauthorized Private person).

The DSP, ACB also identified several document writers and their assistants and two private persons, who are carrying certain documents with the assistance of

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the Inspectors and other staff of ACB and got them separated from the people who are attending the Sub-Registrar Office for registration and other works and ascertained their names and addresses as 1) Sri Nethi Nageswara Rao, S/o. late Veera Raghava Sharma, (Document writer), 2) Sri Modalavalasa Krishna Rao, S/o. Late Satyanarayana, (Document Writer), 3) Sri Chippala Ramachandra Rao, S/o. late Narayana Murthy, (Document Writer) 4) Sri Yeddala Gangadhara Rao, S/o. Bapanna, (Document Writer), 5) Sri Dhanala Venkata Prasad, S/o. Ankayya, (Document Writer), 6) Sri Annepu Bhaskara Rao, S/o. Late Narsi Naidu, (Document Writer), 7) Sri Doddi Bala Swamy Ayyappa, S/o. Pandu Ranga Rao, (Asst. Document writer), 8) Sri Rayala Nageswari, D/o. Krishna Rao, (Asst. Document writer), 9) Sri Polisetty Govinda Raju, S/o. late Appalaraju, (Asst. Document writer), 10) Sri Thadi Ramesh Kumar, S/o Viswanadham, (Asst. Document writer), 11) Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, S/o. Late Gangayya, (private assistant to SRO, Gajuwaka), 12) Sri Devada Papa Rao, S/o. Pyditalli, (private assistant to SRO Gajuwaka).

On examination Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, S/o Late Gangayya, Private person stated that he has been assisting the office staff and Sub-Registrar in the said office since 1991 and on 09.09.2019, he collected cash of Rs.14,200/- from the document writers Sri M.Krishna Rao, Sri Ch. Ramachandra Rao, Sri Y.Gangadhara Rao, Sri V.V.S.S.R.Naidu, @ Nanaji, Sri D. Venkata Prasad and others who attended the SRO office, Gajuwaka for Registration on behalf of various parties, as bribe and to hand over the same to SRO Gajuwaka and his staff. He has been preparing accounts on paper slips date wise and noting down the bribe amounts received from the above said document writers and their assistants which will be normally 0.5% on the registered value of document. There are account slips maintained from 5-8-2019 to 5-9-2019 available in F-rack of record room of SRO office, Gajuwaka and he will show them if the search party follows him. He has also stated that as per the instructions of Jt. Sub Registrar he apportionated the bribe amount every month to various level officers working in Registration department viz., at DRO office and Sub-Registrar office, Gajuwaka. He pays Rs.35,000/- to DIG Office and Rs.30,000/- at DR Office. On the day of surprise check i.e. on 09.09.2019, he gave an amount of Rs.35,000/- out of bribe amount collected by him to Smt. Sharmila, clerk working in D.R. Office, VUDA Complex, Visakhapatnam. He used to pay the salaries of Rs. 7,000/- to Budi Swapna, Rs. 3,000/- Rongali Ramya and Rs.3,500/- to Polisetti Girija, Rs.16,000/- to Sri Papa Rao, another unauthorized person who are working unofficially and he is being paid with Rs.20,000/- per month from the collected bribe amount by SRO, Gajuwaka. Further the electrical charges, office telephone bill and stationery expenses are being met from the bribe amounts only. He also stated that he is distributing the remaining amount i.e. 60% to Sub-Registrar, 35% to staff and 5% to attender and on Saturday he paid Rs. 96,000/- to Sub-Registrar. The cash of Rs.14,200/- found in his possession was seized in the presence of mediators for the purpose of further investigation.

Sri M.Malleswarayya led the DSP to the F-rack in record room in SRO office, Gajuwaka and he showed the account slips kept by him in corner of the F-rack. The DSP perused the account slips which contain 1 to 24 slips pertaining to bribe amounts received from Document Writers in respect of registered documents date wise from 5-8-2019 to 5-9-2019. The DSP got the above slips into a made up file and seized the same for the purpose of further investigation.

The DSP secured Sri Devada Papa Rao, S/o. Pydithalli, Private person and examined him. He stated that he has been assisting the office staff and Sub-Registrar in the said office for the last 10 years and he collected the cash of Rs.10,070/- on 09.09.2019 from the document writers and their assistants who attended at SRO office Gajuwaka for registration on behalf of various parties as bribe to hand over the same to SRO Gajuwaka and staff. He is maintaining accounts on paper slips and noting down the expenditure incurred by him for the maintenance of office, fuel charges of SRO's two wheelers, recharge of SRO's mobile phone etc. and hand over the paper slips and bribe amounts collected from

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the document writers after deducting the amounts incurred by him to Sri M. Malleswara Rao, who is another unauthorized assistant. The said account slips were kept by Sri M. Malleswara Rao in record room F-rack and the same will be shown if the search party follows him. For rendering the services unofficially the SRO is paying him Rs.16,000/- per month to him. Sri M.Malleswarayya is working in the said office unofficially since 1991 and he is also performing similar works and also works entrusted by the SRO from time to time. The cash of Rs.10,070/- found in his possession was seized in the presence of mediators.

Sri D.Papa Rao led the DSP, ACB to the F-rack in record room in SRO office, Gajuwaka and shown the account slips kept by him in right corner of the F-rack. The DSP perused the account slips which contain 1 to 4 slips pertaining to expenditure incurred by him from bribe amounts received from Document Writers in respect of registered documents with bribe amounts date wise from 19-08-2019 to 7-9-2019. The DSP got the above slips into a made up file and seized the same after duly attested by the mediators.

The DSP, ACB, secured the presence of following document writers, Asst. document writers, examined them and found cash on personal search {which was collected from the claimants (0.5% bribe on document value) and the same amount is being handed over to private persons viz., either to Sri Malleswara Rao or Sri Devada Papa Rao, and the original registered documents, which are supposed to be delivered to the claimants directly by SRO, in the presence of mediators which are as follows.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	No. of Original documents	Cash in Rs.
1.	Sri Nethi Nageswara Rao S/o. late VeeraRaghava Sharma	Document Writer	05 (2278, 2277, 2874, 4446, 4286 / 2019)	1,40,000-00
2.	Sri Modalavalasa Krishna Rao S/o Late Satyanarayana	-do-	22 (4574, 4588, 4584, 4583, 4555, 4554, 4566, 4557, 4568, 4569, 4430, 4486, 4138, 4364, 4365, 4366, 1778, 3653, 3685, 4110, 3901, 3825 of 2019)	13,350-00
3.	Sri Chippala Ramachandra Rao, S/o. late Narayana Murthy	-do-	--	3,800-00
4.	Sri Yeddala Gangadhara Rao S/o. Bapanna,	-do-	--	11,810-00
5.	Sri Dhanala Venkata Prasad S/o. Ankayya	-do-	(04) 3146, 2422, 4128, 145 of 2019	1,700-00
6.	Sri Annepu Bhaskara Rao S/o Late Narsi Naidu	-do-	--	20,500-00
7.	Sri Doddi Balaswamy Ayyappa, S/o. Pandu Ranga Rao	Asst. Doc. Writer	(20) 4081, 4534, 4544, 4549, 4499, 4500, 4504, 4505, 4506, 4520, 4424, 2885, 1375, 117 of 2019 and 5397/2018,1824/2016, 5527/2016, 51/2017, 3802/2013,4408/2018	15,560-00

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8.	Kum. Rayala Nagamani D/o Krishna Rao	-do-	(09) 3939, 2016, 4423, 798, 51, 4045, 4386, 4528, 4529 of 2019	3,300-00
9.	Sri Polisetty Govinda Raju S/o. late Appalaraju	-do-		10,000-00
10.	Sri Thadi Ramesh Kumar S/o Viswanadham	-do-	--	--
	Total			**2,20,020-00**

On examination of 1) Sri Nethi Nageswara Rao, S/o. late Veera Raghava Sharma, (Document writer), 2) Sri Modalavalasa Krishna Rao, S/o. Late Satyanarayana, (Document Writer), 3) Sri Chippala Ramachandra Rao, S/o. late Narayana Murthy, (Document Writer) 4) Sri Yeddala Gangadhara Rao, S/o. Bapanna, (Document Writer), 5) Sri Dhanala Venkata Prasad, S/o. Ankayya, (Document Writer), 6) Sri Annepu Bhaskara Rao, S/o. Late Narsi Naidu, (Document Writer), 7) Sri Doddi Bala Swamy Ayyappa, S/o. Pandu Ranga Rao, (Asst. Document writer), 8) Sri Rayala Nageswari, D/o. Krishna Rao, (Asst. Document writer), 9) Sri Polisetty Govinda Raju, S/o. late Appalaraju, (Asst. Document writer), 10) Sri Thadi Ramesh Kumar, S/o Viswanadham, (Asst. Document writer) and examined them and recorded their detailed statements in the presence of mediators. On examination they stated that the Government Servant instructed them to demanded 0.5% bribe on the registered value of document to who approached for registration of documents, collected the bribe amounts from them and gave the same to their private employees Sri M. Malleswarayya and Sri D. Papa Rao.

The DSP secured the presence of following persons, who are working unauthorisedly in Sub Registrar office, Gajuwaka at the time of surprise check. On examination

1) Kum. Rongali Ramya, D/o. Appa Rao, 21 yrs., Computer Operator, (unauthorized person), SRO office, Gajuwaka, R/o Sri Sai Venkateswara Residency, Sheelanagar Bus stop, opp. Apollo Hospital, Visakhapatnam City

On examination, Kum Rongali Ramya stated that she has been residing along with her family members at Sheela nagar, Visakhapatnam. She studied Inter (CEC Group) in DRM College, Gajuwaka and knows computer operation. She was employed by the then Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka about 8 months back unauthorisedly to work as computer operator and she used to take photos of parties in SRO office Gajuwaka for the purpose of registration of documents. She is receiving salary of Rs.2,500/- per month from SRO Sri T. Upendra.

2) Kum. Polisetti Girija D/o Paid Raju, 20 yrs., filing work of various documents (unauthorized person) in Gajuwaka SRO office, Sheela Nagar R/o Plot No.216, Srinagar, Dibbapalem, Visakhapatnam.

On examination, Kum. Polisetti Girija stated that she is residing along with her family members at Srinagar, Dibbapalem, Visakhapatnam. She studied Inter (MPC group) in Chaitanya Women College, Old Gajuwaka. She is working in SRO office situated at Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam since 2 years and at present she was looking after the filing work of various documents in SRO Office. Her elder brother Sri P.Raju who is working as Asst. Document writer under Nanaji employed her through the then SRO Venkaiah Naidu. She is receiving her salary of Rs.3,500/- per month from SRO Sri T. Upendra.

3) Kum. Budi Swapna, D/o. Sanyasi Naidu, 20 yrs., computer operator i.e. generation of check slip in computer system (unauthorized person) in Gajuwaka SRO office, R/o Diary hospital Road, beside Govt. School, Harijana Jaggayyapalem, Visakhapatnam.

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On examination, Kum. Budi Swapna stated that she has been residing along with her family members at Harijana Jaggayyapalem, Visakhapatnam. She studied Polytechnic Diploma(ECE branch) in Sai Ganapathi Polytechnic College, Anandapuram. She is working in SRO office situated at Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam since 2017 and at present she is looking after the work of generation of check slip in computer system. As usual, on the day of surprise check i.e. on 9.9.2019 while she was attending her regular duty, at about 5 p.m., the ACB officials came into the SRO office Gajuwaka etc. facts. She is receiving an amount of Rs.7,000/- as salary per month from Sri T. Upendra, SRO (SO.1).

During the surprise check ACB officials secure the presence of the following witnesses/claimants who are present in the Registrar office and examined them in the presence of mediators.

On examination, 1) Sri Nindugunda Gopi, 2) Sri Vasamsetty Veeranjaneyulu, 3) Sri Bora Vijaya Venkata Venu Gopal Reddy, 4) Sri Pyla Chinnabbai, 5) Sri Vegi Srinivasa Rao, 6) Sri Senguru Poli Naidu, 7) Smt. Nekkali Narasiyamma on examination they categorically stated that the document writers informed that the Government Servant demanded 0.5% bribe on the registered value of document, who approached for registration of documents, and collected said amounts through the document writers.

On the day of surprise check, when the DSP questioned Sri T. Upendra Rao, Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka as to why he engaged 3 unauthorized employees, 2 private persons in the administration of Sub-Registrar Office Gajuwaka without permission from the competent authority and allowing to practice illegal collections of bribe amounts from the persons /parties who approach the Sub-Registrar office through document writers in connection with the registration of documents etc. The Sub-Registrar, informed that none of the above three unauthorized persons and two private persons were employed by him. They are working in the Sub-Registrar Office, Gajuwaka ever since he joined as SRO in Gajuwaka Sub-Registrar Office and they were employed by his predecessor and he is continuing them so that the work is not hampered. The salaries are being paid from the bribe amounts being collected through the document writers. Besides this, the Government has also not released any budget for paying electricity, telephone charges, and the above charges are also being paid by him out of the bribe amount collected through document writers.

The Joint SRO, Gajuwaka furnished letter No. Nil/2020 dated 16.03.2020 and confirmed that 674 documents (registered document numbers from 3441 to 4114) registered from 01-07-2019 to 31-07-2019, 375 documents (registered document numbers from 4115 to 4489) registered from 01-08-2019 to 31-08-2019, 124 documents (registered document numbers from 3441 to 4114) registered from 01-09-2019 to 09-09-2019 and most of the numbers were reflected in the seized slips that were seized by the mediators from F-rack of store room at the instance of Sri M. Malleswara Rao, Private assistant and this slips reflected the amounts collected for each document number and collected from whom. The slips revealed that the document number mentioned in the slips dated 5/8, 6/8, 7/8, 8/8, 9/8, 13/8, 14/8, 16/8, 17/8, 19/8, 21/8, 22/8, 24/8, 26/8, 27/8, 28/8, 29/8 and 30/8 are tallied with the document number for the month of August, 2019 and slips dated 3/9, 4/9, 5/9, 6/9, 7/9 are tallied with the document number for the month of September, 2019 given by Jr. Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka.

As per Circular Memo No.X2/10708/94 Dt:30-12-1997 of the Commissioner & I.G. of Registration and Stamps, A.P, Hyderabad, it was instructed that in all cases of surprise checks where unaccounted cash is found with the employee, in the premises of the office or with any unauthorized person in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained as bribe from the parties. Therefore the onus of disproving the same will be on Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, the Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka. Hence, the unaccounted cash of Rs. 24,270/- seized from the possession of private persons by names Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @

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Malleswara Rao and Sri Devada Papa Rao and the unaccounted cash of Rs.2,20,020/- seized from the possession of 10 document writers must be presumed to be the cash collected as bribe/illegal amount intended for Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, the Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam city.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that in abuse of his official position, collected bribe amount from the parties who approached for registration through private persons Sri M. Malleswarayya and Sri D. Papa Rao, and Document Writers and Asst. Document Writers. On 09.09.2019 Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, collected cash of Rs.14,200/- and Sri D. Papa Rao collected the cash of Rs.10,070/- and an amount of Rs.2,20,000/- was seized from the possession of document writers, who came to SRO office to handover the collected mamools (bribe amount) either to Sri Maddela Malleswarayya or Sri D. Papa Rao to hand over the same to him, is held substantiated.

CHARGE-II:

That the Government Servant allowed private persons to work in SRO Office, Gajuwaka, Vishakhapatnam and paid their salaries from the bribe amounts collected from the document writers.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On credible information that the Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka and the staff of S.R.O. office, Gajuwaka were indulging in corrupt practices by collecting bribe amounts from the general public, who are approaching their office for registration of documents and other official works, through document writers, Assistant document writers and Other private persons, the Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam along with mediators and ACB Staff conducted surprise check on the Joint Sub-registrar Office, Gajuwaka from 17.30 hours on 09.09.2019 to 02.45 hours on 10.09.2019.

During the course of surprise check on 09.09.2019 Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, Devada Papa Rao, Budi Swapna, Rongali Ramya and Polisetti Girija were found in the SRO office and on examination they have categorically stated that they have been working in the SRO office privately and the Government Servant used to pay their salaries and their statements are on record.

The Dist Registrar furnished circular memo number X3/18189/95, dated 04-09-1996 by Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad which clearly shows that the Sub-Registrars shall not allow the private persons into the office.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that allowed private persons to work in SRO Office, Gajuwaka, Vishakhapatnam and paid their salaries from the bribe amounts collected from the document writers, is held substantiated.

CHARGE-III:

That the Government Servant failed to supervise his subordinates due to which they have not maintained the Document Acknowledgement Register and Attendance Register properly.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

During the course of surprise check, on the request DSP, ACB, the Government Servant produced registers and other records including Document Acknowledgement Register and Attendance Register of the office staff for the year 2019 of SRO, Gajuwaka maintained in the office.

On perusal of the Document Acknowledgement Register, both copies i.e. claimant copy and office copy are pasted in the register. It reveals that the claimant copy was not given to the claimant. In fact, after registration of the document, the

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claimant copy must be given to the claimant. Later scanning of documents will be taken up and the same were uploaded in the master data and this process will take one or two days. After that, the claimant will submit his claimant copy to person concerned in the Jr. Sub registrar office and receive his original documents from Jr. SRO office but most of the document writes receive the original documents from SRO office and hand over to the claimants after taking amount of 0.5% on registration value.

On perusal of Attendance Register, the Government Servant, Smt. P.Rajeswari, OS (SO.5), Sri T.Suribabu, Jr. Asst., (SO.4), G.Vijaya, Jr. Asst., (SO.3) and Sri A. Srinivasa Rao (SO.5), Sr. Asst. who are present and did not sign in the register.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that failed to supervise his subordinates due to which they have not maintained the Document Acknowledgement Register and Attendance Register properly, is held substantiated.

CHARGE-IV:

That the Government Servant didn't pay the electrical charges from the Govt. Budget and instead paid the bills from the bribe amounts collected from the private persons and the document writers.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

During the course of surprise check on 09.09.2019 Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao and Sri Devada Papa Rao, Private Assistant to the Government Servant stated that they used to pay the electrical charges, office telephone bill and stationery expenses etc. out of the bribe amounts collected from the document writers. Their detailed statements are brought on record.

Sri K. Manmadha Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam furnished letter No.E1/1160/2019-1 dated 21.09.2019 and confirmed that the budget allotment to the Joint SRO, Gajuwaka for the year 2019-20 is 'NIL'.

The letter No. nil/2020 dated 16.03.2020 of Jt.SRO, Gajuwaka revealed that the Joint Sub Registrar, Gajuwaka paid Rs.10,803/- on 27.07.2019 towards electrical charges, which shows that the Government Servant paid the electrical charges not from the budget.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that didn't pay the electrical charges from the Govt. Budget and instead paid the bills from the bribe amounts collected from the private persons and the document writers is held substantiated.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-1, O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated/contravened Rules 3(1), 3(2) & 3(5) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, Government Servant Sri Tangudu Upendra Rao, worked as Sub-Registrar Grade-1, O/o. the Jt. Sub-Registrar's Office, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District is liable to be placed for his defense before the Commissioner of Inquiries (COI).

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ANNEXURE –III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TANGUDU UPENDRA RAO, WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-1, O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Documentary Evidence:

The following is the documentary evidence available to substantiate the allegation.

Charge-I:

1. Surprise Check proceedings dated 09.09.2019 drafted at the o/o Joint Sub registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District.
2. A made up file relating to expenditure details written by Sri Devada Papa Rao, Private assistant to Sri T.Upendra Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-I, Gajuwaka seized from F-Rack available in Store room in the office of Joint Sub registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam containing 4 sheets.
3. A made up file relating to account slips written by Sri M. Maheswarayya, Private assistant to Sri T.Upendra Rao, Sub-Registrar Grade-I, Gajuwaka seized from F-Rack available in Store room in the office of Joint Sub registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam containing 24 sheets.
4. Letter No. Nil/2020 dated 16.03.2020 of the Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
5. Letter No.E1/1160/2019-1 dated 21-09-2019 of the District Registrar, Visakhapatnam.
6. Any other documents to be filed at the time of enquiry.

Charge-II:

1. Surprise Check proceedings dated 09.09.2019 drafted at the o/o Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Letter No.E1/1160/2019-1 dated 21-09-2019 of Sri K. Manmadha Rao, District Registrar, Visakhapatnam.
3. Any other documents to be filed at the time of enquiry.

CHARGE-III:

1. Surprise Check proceedings dated 09.09.2019 drafted at the o/o Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Document Acknowledgement register.
3. Attendance Register.
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CHARGE-IV:

1. Surprise Check proceedings dated 09.09.2019 drafted at the o/o Joint Sub-Registrar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Letter No.E1/1160/2019-1 dated 21-09-2019 of the District Registrar, Visakhapatnam.
3. Letter No. nil/2020, dated 16-03-2020 of the Jt. SRO, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
4. Any other documents to be filed at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI TANGUDU UPENDRA RAO, WORKED AS SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-1, O/O. THE JOINT SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, GAJUWAKA, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

The following oral evidence is available on record.

Charge-I:

1. Sri Thota Venkata Satyanarayana, S/o Late Ananda Rao, 57 years, Asst. Engineer, GVMC, Zone-III, Main officer, GVMC, VSP.R/o: Flat No. 203, Sri laxmi Towers-3, Sujata Nagar, Pendurthy, Visakhapatnam. (Mediator-I)
2. Sri Mugada Raju S/o Appa Rao, 40 years, Senior Assistant, Main Office, GVMC, VSP, R/o D.No.30-4-7, Krishna Garden, Visakhapatnam. (Mediator-II).
3. Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, S/o. Late Gangayya, 54 years, R/o D.No 27-1-96/2 Srinagar back side of court Chinagantyada Gajuwaka Visakhapatnam (Private Person).
4. Sri Devada Papa Rao, S/o. Pyditalli, 32 years, R/o. D.No 25-1-136/3 Swatantranagar Gajuwaka Visakhapatnam (Private Person).
5. Sri Nindugunda Gopi, S/o. late Satyam, 46 yrs., R/o Door No.9-4-370, High School Road, Jogannapalem, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
6. Sri Vasamsetty Veeranjaneyulu, S/o. Chandra Rao, 41 yrs., R/o Rajiv Nagar, board, Kurmannapalem, Visakhapatnam.
7. Sri Bora Vijaya Venkata Venu Gopal Reddy, S/o. late Nooka Raju Reddy, 47 yrs., R/o 43-19-13/7, Chinna Rao Residency, Dondaparthy, Visakhapatnam.
8. Sri Pyla Chinnabbai, S/o. Nooka Raju, 45 yrs., R/o Door No.104 area, Navy Defence Civilian Quarters, Atr.No.65/1, Visakhapatnam.
9. Sri Vegi Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Rama Krishna, Age around 38 years, Vegetable Vendor, R/o. D.No.36-92-13/2, Barma Camp, Kancharapalem, Visakhapatnam for Document No.4506/2019 of SRO, Gajuwaka.
10. Sri Senguru Poli Naidu, S/o. late S.Appanna, 33 years, Mason, r/o. D.No.39-5-39/3/10/A, Murali Nagar, Singavarayimetta, Visakhapatnam for Document No.4504/2019 in the name of Senuguru Pramila, W/o. S. Poli Naidu.
11. Smt. Nekkali Narasiyamma, W/o. Gurumurthy, House Wife, r/o. D.No.7-116/1, Sattivanipalem, Jaggayyapalem Post, Pendurthi Mandal, Visakhapatnam.
12. Sri Maddela Malleswarayya @ Malleswara Rao, S/o. Late Gangayya, 54 years, R/o D.No 27-1-96/2 Srinagar back side of court Chinagantyada Gajuwaka Visakhapatnam
13. Sri Devada Papa Rao, S/o. Pyditalli, 32 years, R/o. D.No 25-1-136/3 Swatantranagar Gajuwaka Visakhapatnam
14. Sri Nethi Nageswara Rao S/o. late Veera Raghava Sharma, 50 years, Document Writer, R/o. D.No.10- 1-132, Mehar Nagar, Old Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
15. Sri Modalavalasa Krishna Rao, S/o. Late Satyanarayana, 53 years, Document Writer, Haneesha Consultancy, Near Old Sub-Registrar Office, Gajuwaka, Chattivanipalem, near Canara bank, Auto Nagar, Gajuwaka, R/o. D.No.10-1-31, Mehar Nagar, Gajuwaka, N/o. Dharmapuram, Ponduru (m), Srikakulam District.
16. Sri Chippala Ramachandra Rao S/o. late Narayana Murthy, 38 years, Document Writer, Siva Sai Consultancy, near SRO office, Gajuwaka, Stella Nagar, Gajuwaka, R/o.D.No.60-31-230, Janatha Colony, Malkapuram, Visakhapatnam.
17. Sri Yeddala Gangadhara Rao, S/o. Bapanna, 43 years, Document Writer, R/o. Auto Nagar, near old SRO Office, Gajuwaka, Canara Bank, Chittivanipalem, Visakhapatnam.
18. Sri Dhanala Venkata Prasad, S/o. Ankayya, age 36 years, R/o Door No.10-5-22, Kailasa Nagar, Kanithi Road, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.

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19. Sri Annepu Bhaskara Rao, S/o. Late Narsi Naidu, 42 years, Document Writer, R/o: Door No.13-34, Indira Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam.
20. Sri Doddi Bala Swamy Ayyappa, S/o. Pandu Ranga Rao, 37 years, Asst. Doc. Writer, Sri Gowri Consultancy, Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam, R/o Dr.No.27-3-232, Srinagar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
21. Kum. Rayala Nagamani D/o Krishna Rao, 23 years, Asst. Doc. Writer to SHV Rama Krishna, beside Sameera Hostel, Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam, r/o. Dr.No.6-38-23/1, L.V.Nagar, Patha Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
22. Sri Polisetty Govinda Raju, S/o. late Appalaraju, 33 years, Asst. to Sri Nanaji, Document writer, Sri Gowri Consultancy, Sheela Nagar, Visakhapatnam, r/o : Plot No.176, New Dibbapalem, RH Colony, Srinagar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
23. Sri Thadi Ramesh Kumar S/o Viswanadham, 36 years, Asst. Doc. Writer to Sri Bheesetty Ashok Kumar, Sri Vijaya Ganapathi Consultancy, Gopalapatnam R/o Door No.19-14, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam.
24. The Joint SRO, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.
25. The District Registrar, Visakhapatnam
26. Sri K. Ranga Raju, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam, I/c Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam.
27. Sri M.V. Ramana Murthy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam.
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29. Any other witness to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.

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4. Sri Devada Papa Rao, S/o. Pyditalli, 32 years, R/o. D.No 25-1-136/3 Swatantranagar Gajuwaka Visakhapatnam
5. Kum. Rongali Ramya, D/o. Appa Rao, 21 yrs., computer operator, (unauthorized person), SRO office, Gajuwaka, R/o Sri Sai Venkateswara Residency, Sheela nagar Bus stop, opp. Apollo Hospital, Visakhapatnam City.
6. Kum. Polisetti Girija D/o. Paid Raju, 20 yrs., filing work of various documents (unauthorized person) in Gajuwaka SRO office, Sheela Nagar R/o Plot No.216, Srinagar, Dibbapalem, Visakhapatnam.
7. Kum. Budi Swapna, D/o. Sanyasi Naidu, 20 yrs., computer operator i.e. generation of check slip in computer system (unauthorized person) in Gajuwaka SRO office, R/o Diary hospital Road, beside Govt. School, Harijana Jaggayyapalem, Visakhapatnam.
8. The District Registrar, Visakhapatnam
9. Sri K. Ranga Raju, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Srikakulam, I/c Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam.
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